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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: NATO Participation in Project CLOUD GAP

1. At the 22 January meeting of the CLOUD GAP Steering Committee the question of the participation of representative of NATO governments in Project CLOUD GAP^{*} was discussed. During the discussion I, as the CIA representative on the Committee, took a position to which the co-chairman, Arthur Barber (OSD/ISA) objected.

2. At past meetings the subject had been discussed and it was decided to accept the offer of the UK to provide an officer to participate in the Project. A British army colonel had arrived in this country and probably will report to CLOUD GAP headquarters this week. Work on his specific assignment, security guidelines and other arrangements is well advanced and the situation appears to be under control.

3. Mr. Barber tabled a letter (attached) which raised the question of extending participation to other NATO governments. The immediate reason for discussing the problem was an inquiry from the Germans. Mr. Freund (International Bureau, ACDA) stated that he had discussed the problem with some people in the Department of State, and although he was not in a position to present a final judgment, he thought that State would raise serious objections. Some of the considerations involved were the order in which NATO governments should be integrated, whether the government involved was a member of the ENDC, our confidence in security of the government, the amount of independent work on arms control the government was doing, etc.

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4. My major position was that it was too early to accept a representative from another foreign government.

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^{*} Project CLOUD GAP is a joint ACDA-DOD operation which field tests various means for verifying compliance with or for detecting violations of possible arms control agreements. CLOUD GAP is administered by a Project Manager (Major General Douglas Quandt, USA) under the broad direction of the Steering Committee.

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I suggested that we should acquire some experience with the UK representative before we could really reach a decision on extending participation to others. Some of the considerations I raised were the possibility of deriving an assessment of our unilateral intelligence capability, access to data on defense plans, and the problem of differential treatment of the representatives of the various governments. Mr. Barber replied that the Committee should take action on his proposal quickly so that representatives of other countries could participate in Cloud Gap.

5. It was decided, however, to table the problem until Mr. Freund could get a better reading on State's views on the subject.

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